

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Rules To
Implement WRC-03 Regulations Applicable to Requirements for Operator Licenses
in the Amateur Radio Service
WT Docket No. 05-235

To: The Commission

Comments of Jason Baker KD6BOH Amateur Radio Operator, submitted in reply to
comments submitted on: October 31, 2005 by ARRL, The National Association for
Amateur Radio; November 2, 2005 by Mr. Ronald A. Loneker Sr.; and others.

Mr. Loneker states that "there is some mystique in transmitting and receiving of these little precious bits of information that give some feeling of structure to an individual which cannot be quantified." Last I checked the FCC wasn't in the business of assuring feelings but rather the lawful and structured use of communication mediums (in this case the air waves). Also because Amateur (HAM) radio is a hobby shouldn't we the community and the FCC work together to help de-mystify Amateur Radio in order to advance the art and technology of radio communication. Eliminating the Morse requirement helps to expand currently restricted areas of this hobby to a broader audience.

Mr. Loneker's argument that many code less Technician just want to drop the more requirement as a means of "obtain(ing) a Group I callsign to inflate their egos." Is flat out wrong and very inflammatory at best. One could say the reverse was true that Mr. Loneker who is a "Proud Extra Class Operator" wished to keep the more requirement as a means to inflate his ego by requiring people to fulfill an outdated requirement simply to inflate his ego because he had to. There are many codeless Technicians, General, Extra and grand fathered Novice, and Advanced class operators who decide to keep the same call sign they were first issued when they upgrade their license.

Also Mr. Loneker complains about the quality of newer operators is not like what is used to be. He claims that it is because of the more stringent licensing guidelines, however there is no proof to this assertion. Technology has come along way in the past 20 to 30 years and many of the "quality" people who may have picked up the hobby of Amateur Radio might have simply chosen computers or some other avenues that was more open an excepting of every one.

As noted in Mr. Leonard H. Anderson's response ARRL, submitted 7 November 2005; ARRL makes a substantial income publishing various materials, these materials include Morse Code preparation aides: software, tapes, etc. It can easily be seen why an organization which makes these substantial profits from the sale of Morse Code preparation aides would not want the FCC to drop the Morse Code requirement.

Dropping the more code requirement would help to attract people who are more interested in the technology and principles of our hobby by not forcing them learn what is arguably only one of the many modes of communication, which they

may or may not be interesting in. For example if I as a hobbyist am only interested in learning and experimenting about how computers can use radio propagation to communicate, why should I have to learn Morse code. Morse code is only one of many modes of operations.

Others have said in their comments that we should maintain the Morse requirement as a means of preserving and maintaining “one language that knows no barriers of speech for the entire world”. There are many fallacies in this statement:

1. Morse code is not the universal language people say it is, that title belongs to the language of mathematics, everywhere you go $1+1=2$. In fact Morse code is not a language at all but rather a cipher used to transmit the Modern Roman Alphanumeric character set from one point to another.
2. Given the fact that Morse code is simply a cipher replacement system for Modern Roman Alphanumeric characters this means that the language transmitted via Morse code doesn't even have to be English but rather any language that uses the same Modern Roman Alphabet for its character set.
3. This statement wishes the FCC to preserve and maintain; however the FCC isn't a preservation body but a regulatory one.

For all of these reasons and those of others I am in full support of the FCC dropping the Morse requirement from Amateur Radio licensing.

With Sincere Thanks,

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